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News and Events

Maimon to Participate in ACE Roundtable

Knowledge as we know it is changing. The hardcover encyclopedia has given way to Wikipedia, which can be edited by anyone with access to a computer. These changes have a definite impact on universities and colleges. Who owns knowledge and how is it validated?

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon has received a special invitation to participate in a presidential roundtable discussion sponsored by the American Council on Education (ACE).

The discussion, to be held next week in Washington, D.C., will focus on the topic of “*The Future of Knowledge of Creation, Validation, and Ownership: The Impact of Google, Wikipedia, and Open Source CourseWare on Colleges and Universities*”.

This is one of three scheduled roundtables that ACE will be holding over the next 18 months to discuss the future of higher education. Groups are small to facilitate conversation and each roundtable will result in an essay for broad distribution to other university and college presidents.

This particular discussion will address such questions as: “How is knowledge created and disseminated? Who verifies knowledge? What do virtual communities – Second Life, Facebook – mean for the academic community?”

University Wide Info Session - Tomorrow

Your input is needed. In preparation for the re-accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, GSU must conduct a self-study, involving all departments and aspects of the university.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend a university-wide information session on Wednesday, April 2, from 2 to 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Learn

- What accreditation is and why it is so important
- How the accreditation process works
- The university-wide implications of the HLC site-visit and re-accreditation
- About your important role in the process

New Director of Career Services

Darcie Campos has been appointed to the position of Director of Career Services for Governors State University.

Darcie comes to GSU with an excellent background in higher education. Most recently, she served as Director of Career Services at Concordia University Chicago. Prior to that, she was employed at Monmouth College and Eastern Illinois University.

As Director of Career Services, Darcie will work with colleges to identify internship opportunities, develop and plan specialized career fairs, career related activities, and oversee career counseling services.

Two for Tuesday Giant Conversation

It could be considered a meeting of young and old, or the clothed and unclothed, or the listless and the vibrant. Or it could be described as a revelation of everything you don't know about our very own *Paul* by Tony Tasset and how our giant compares (artistically and physically) to Michelangelo's monumental *David* (currently on display in Florence, Italy). Geoffrey Bates, curator and director of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, will lead the half-hour presentation on Tuesday, April 1, 12:30 p.m. and again at 3:45 p.m., in room D-1497. Bring lunch or a snack, enjoy the conversation, and learn more about the old giant of GSU and the teen with a slingshot.

Success in Dress

The fine art of dressing for success will be on display at the Dress for Success Fashion Seminar sponsored by the Office of Career Services. The seminar includes a fashion show, information on how to dress professionally from hair, nail, and makeup vendors, tips for job seekers, and a drawing for prizes and fashion merchandise.

The seminar is on Tuesday, April 1, from 4 to 6 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts at GSU. This event is free and open to students, alumni, and members of the community wishing to learn how to dress for success. For more information, call 708.235.3974.

Sales Tax Increase

Effective April 1, sales tax for University Park will increase from 7.5 percent to 8 percent. The GSU community will see tax increases on items purchased in the bookstore and cafeteria for personal use only. This increase will not affect departmental spending because GSU is tax exempt. Please contact Procurement with questions.

Who's on First?

To celebrate the first pitch of the baseball season, Student Affairs and Academic Services and the Provost Office is sponsoring April's First Friday. Join the festivities on Friday, April 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Student Commons (second floor, A-Wing).

Rally for Higher Ed

Sometimes legislators need to see – and hear from their constituents to realize how important an issue really is. On April 9, the Higher Education Legislative Coalition is sponsoring a Rally Day in Springfield. People are asked to join the rally to show the General Assembly how their budget cuts effect higher education at GSU and the communities we serve.

The rally begins at 10:15 a.m., on Wednesday, at 100 Edwards Street, Springfield. The University Professionals of Illinois is providing a bus to Springfield, which will leave from GSU in the morning and return after the rally. Contact [Marsha Katz](#), 708.534.4952, for details, to register to hop on board, and let your voice be heard.

It's a Mystery

The Friends of Mysteries' monthly meeting has been delayed until April 22, at noon, in the Cafeteria Annex. This gives everyone an extra week to finish April's book, *Number 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. For more information, contact [Diane Dates Casey](#) or [Becky Nugent](#).

Employee Service Recognition

Since 1977, it has been the tradition of the University to recognize employee service anniversaries at five-year increments, from five through thirty-five years. This year, employees attaining these important anniversary milestones will be honored on May 15, in the E-Lounge. The event will begin with a continental breakfast at 9:15 a.m., followed by a recognition ceremony, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Employees who will be recognized began employment in 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, and 1972. This year there are approximately 60 honorees.



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